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Romans: The Power of the Gospel

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Rev. Bruce Persons | August 30, 2026

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MISSIONAL COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

1. What image, phrase, or idea from the message stayed with you most? Why do you think it connected with you?
2. Read Romans 8:18–22. Paul says creation is groaning in childbirth. How does that image help us name both the brokenness of the world and the hope Christians have for it?
3. Where do you see “groaning” in your own life, community, or the wider world right now? Share only what feels appropriate.
4. The sermon described an anchor as something that does not stop the storm, but determines where the storm is allowed to take you. What might it look like, practically, to stay tied to Christ in a difficult season?
5. Is there a place where you have been tempted to treat grief, anxiety, or suffering as evidence that God has forgotten you? How does Romans 8 speak to that fear?

PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

6. What is one “groan” you are carrying right now that you need to bring honestly before God?
7. What would it look like this week to trust that the “good” God is forming in you is Christlikeness, not merely comfort?
8. What is one concrete way you can stay “tied to the anchor” this week: worship, Scripture, prayer, confession, rest, calling someone, receiving care, or serving someone else?

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